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Responsive to the Notice mailed April 8, 2002, applicant timely submits a compliant response to the restriction or election requirement of January 2002. An extension fee was previously paid; please charge any fee now required to our deposit account no. 50-0305.

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Versions of the following marked to show the amendments are provided on a separate sheet after the signature hereto. Please amend each of claims 1 and 31 to read as follows.

1. An elongated, compact cutting element for use in cutting a nonductile material, the element comprising,
- a contact structure formed at a distal end of the cutting element for engaging said material,